

Assemblyman  
**PAUL KORETZ**  
Forty-second Assembly District



*proudly representing the communities of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, Century City, Westwood, Bel Air, Brentwood, West Los Angeles, Hollywood, Hancock Park, Universal City, Studio City, and Sherman Oaks*

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**KORETZ AND OTHER L.A. ELECTED OFFICIALS JOIN IN THE EFFORT  
TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HIV AND AIDS**

*California for a Cure* Team to participate in Sunday's 20<sup>th</sup> annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles

**LOS ANGELES** – Assemblymember Paul Koretz today reminded the community that the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS Walk will take place in West Hollywood this weekend. He also announced the formation of an unprecedented local team led by his office and made up of a L.A. area elected officials, their staff and family and friends.

Each year tens of thousands of people participate in the event, which is Southern California's largest AIDS fundraiser. The ten kilometer (6.2 mile) walk begins and ends in West Hollywood. Teams will walk to raise urgently needed funds and to send the message that the AIDS crisis is not over. Last year, more than 25,000 people walked the route through West Hollywood and raised over \$2.6 million dollars.

The AIDS Walk takes place on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign in starts begins at 8:30 a.m., the opening ceremony follows at 9:15 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m. the walk begins!

"Our walk team this year, named *California for a Cure*, consists of elected officials, staff, family and friends. I was the first legislator to ride in the AIDS Ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles and I know how important it is to pull together for support for such a great cause. Our goal is to raise about \$15,000. I would like to commend the efforts of our local elected officials and AIDS Project Los Angeles for improving the lives of thousands of people affected by HIV and AIDS. Further, I would like to thank our sponsors for their generosity," said Koretz.

"AIDS Walk Los Angeles reminds us that AIDS impacts us all -- our mothers, fathers, spouses, partners, children and friends. It does not discriminate, affecting every culture, race, creed, sexual orientation and even age," said Koretz. "Together, we can reach out to those who are living with HIV/AIDS and change the course of this epidemic," he said.

The offices that make up *California for a Cure* are Assemblymember Paul Koretz, Congresswoman Jane Harman, Congressman Brad Sherman, State Senators Richard Alarcon, Sheila Kuehl and Jack Scott, Assemblymembers Ronald Calderon, Jackie Goldberg, Cindy Montanez, Mervyn M. Dymally, Jerome Horton, Mark Ridley-Thomas, West Hollywood Mayor John Duran and Mayor Pro Tempore Abbe Land, Los Angeles City Councilmembers Antonio Villaraigosa, Tom LaBonge, Jan Perry, and Janice Hahn, and City Councilmember Anthony Portantino of La Canada Flintridge.

The sponsors for *California for a Cure* are United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 324, KMozart 105.1, Otherhood Light and Union Marketing. For more information go to <http://www.aidswalk.net/losangeles/>

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